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Welcome to the planet Mobius - - a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Dr. Eggman has tracked his wayward lackey to the Dragon Kingdom! But is Dr. Eggman the hunter – or the hunted?

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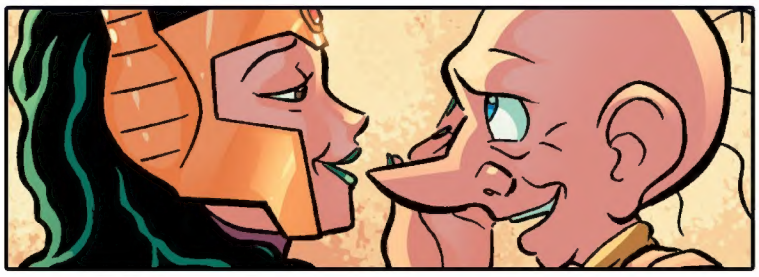


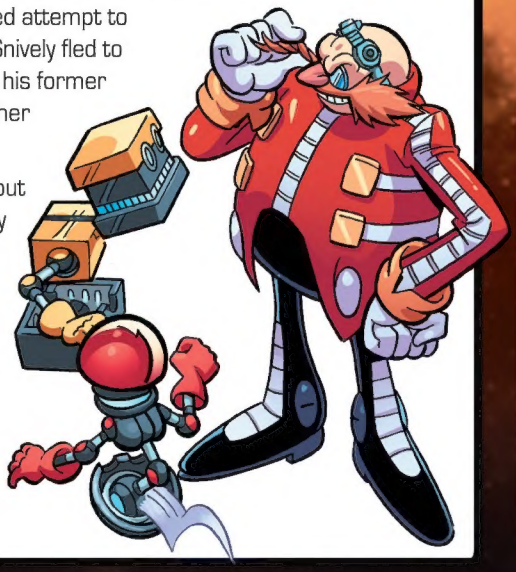
Doctor Eggman and his evil Eggman Empire have been on quite the winning streak lately! With the launch of his latest battle station and roboticization of Sonic's teammate and main squeeze, Sally Acorn, you're lookin' at one jolly evil genius!

Jolly, that is, until his faithful servant and lackey for years, Snively, turned traitor to the Empire and launched a daring escape! After a failed attempt to recruit his kid sister, Hope, Snively fled to the Dragon Kingdom to free his former flame, the Iron Queen, from her prison cell.

Although things didn't work out exactly as he planned, Snively managed to commandeer a piece of ancient armor in hopes to finish off the Eggman once and for all!

With both master and apprentice poised and ready, Eggman and Snively enter their

FINAL BATTLE...



WHO'S WHO

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL DICTATOR

SNIVELY
TREACHEROUS LACKEY
IRON ONI PILOT

IRON QUEEN
RECENTLY RESCUED VILLAIN, SNIVELY'S UN-EX-GIRLFRIEND

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IN THE NAME OF LOVE!
AM I SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRESSED?
IN A MINUTE, YOU WON'T BE ANYTHING./
I HAVE THE MASSIVE WEAPON./ I HAVE MY DARLING REGINA./ YOU HAVE NOTHING./ THE EGGMAN EMPIRE IS MINE!
NOT TO BE A A PESSIMIST, BOSS, BUT HE HAS A POINT./

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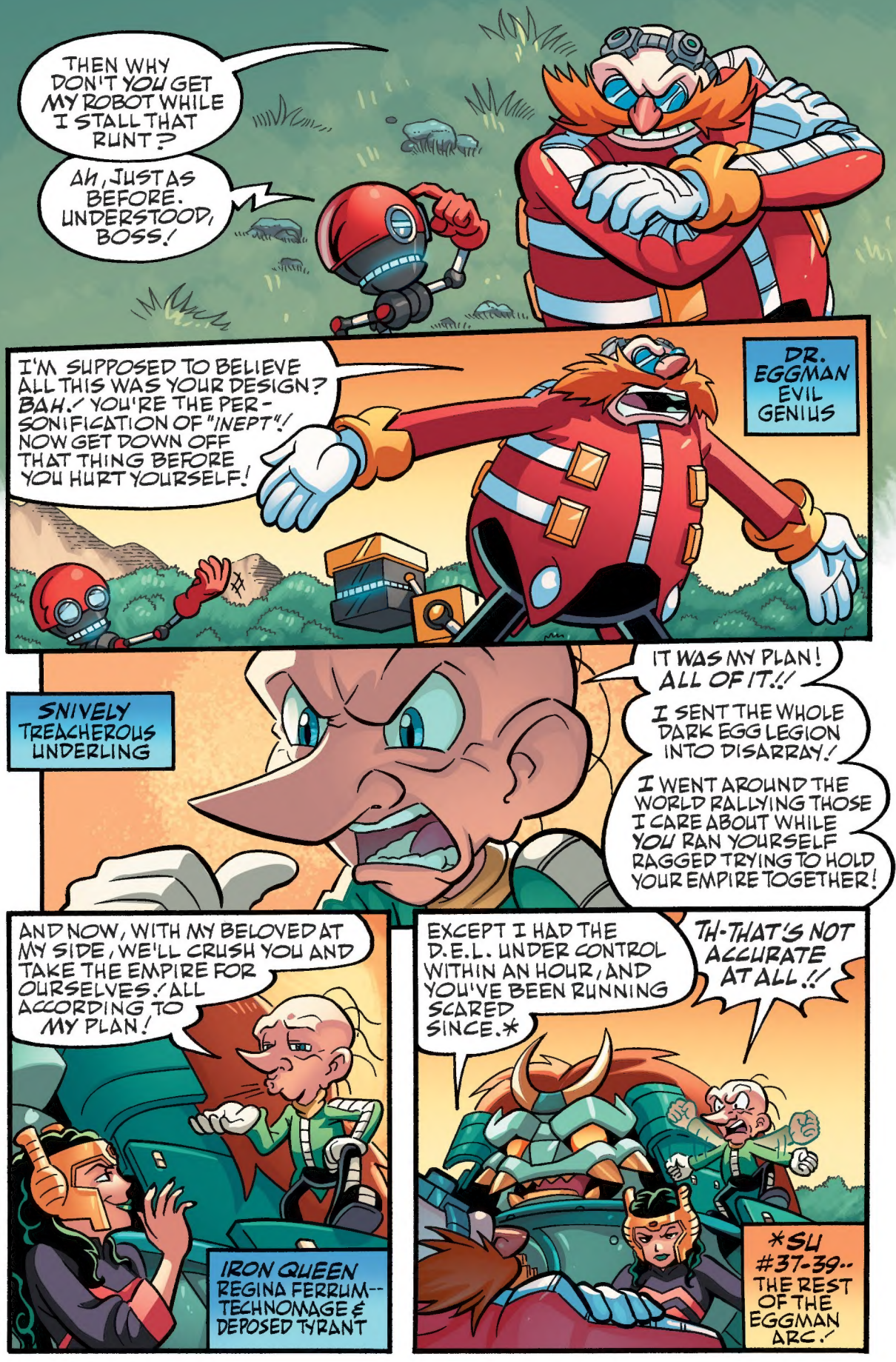
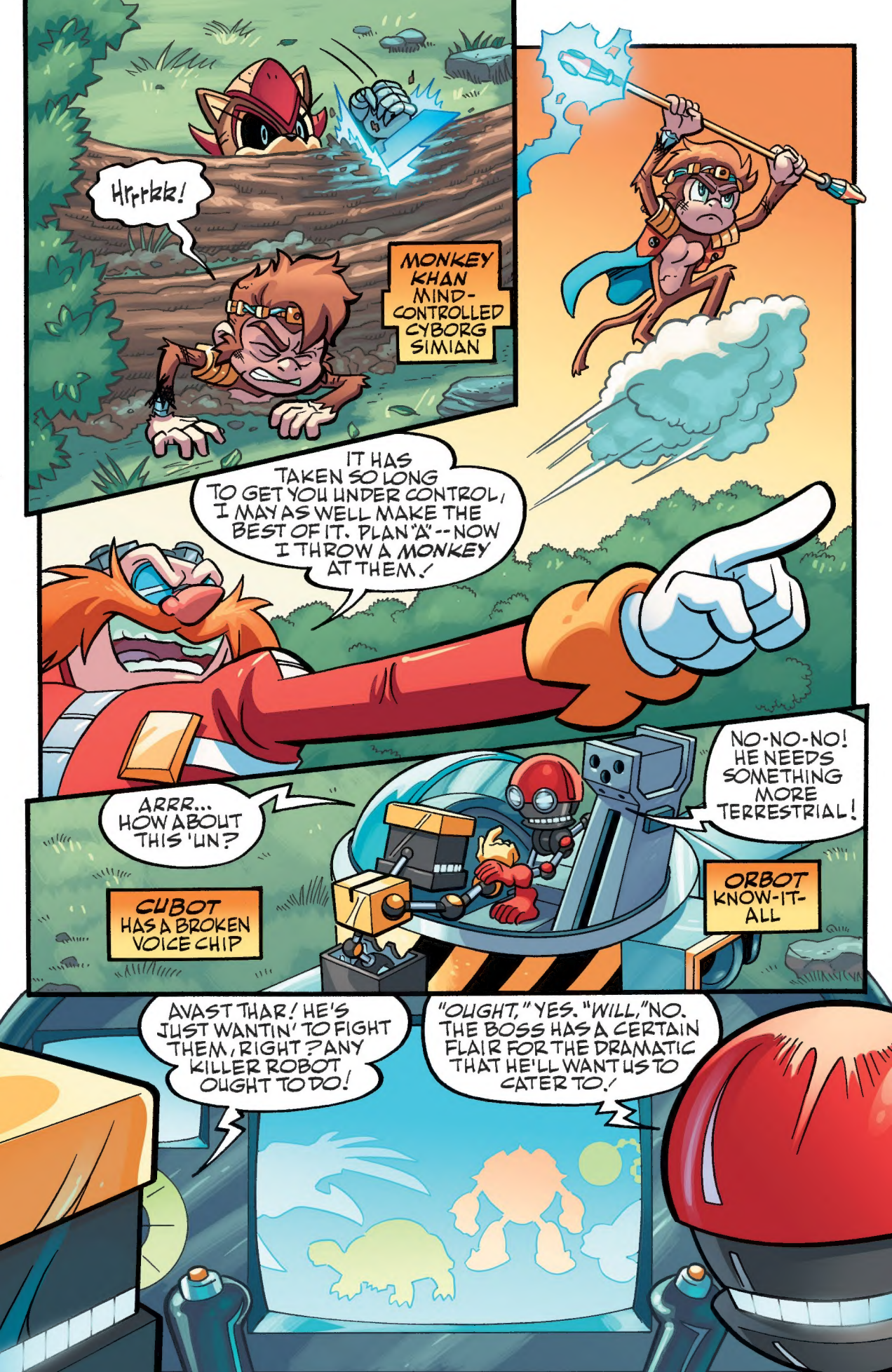
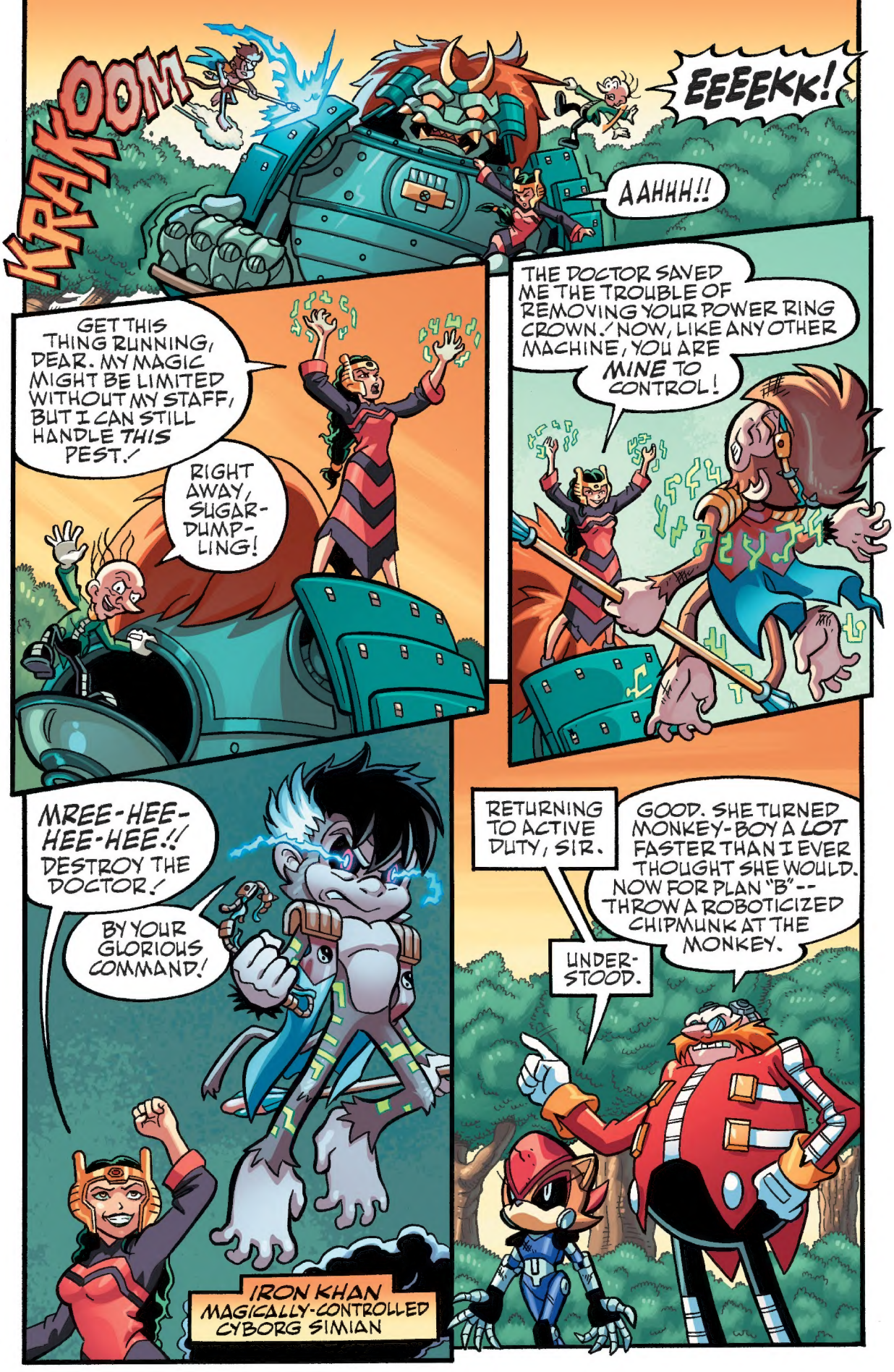

THEN WHY DON'T YOU GET MY ROBOT WHILE I STALL THAT RUNT?
AH, JUST AS BEFORE. UNDERSTOOD, BOSS!
I'M SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE ALL THIS WAS YOUR DESIGN? BAH./ YOU'RE THE PERSONIFICATION OF "INEPT"! NOW GET DOWN OFF THAT THING BEFORE YOU HURT YOURSELF!
DR. EGGMAN EVIL GENIUS
SNIVELY TREACHEROUS UNDERLING
IT WAS MY PLAN! ALL OF IT.!!
I SENT THE WHOLE DARK EGG LEGION INTO DISARRAY./
I WENT AROUND THE WORLD RALLYING THOSE I CARE ABOUT WHILE YOU RAN YOURSELF RAGGED TRYING TO HOLD YOUR EMPIRE TOGETHER!
AND NOW, WITH MY BELOVED AT MY SIDE, WE'LL CRUSH YOU AND TAKE THE EMPIRE FOR OURSELVES./ ALL ACCORDING TO MY PLAN!
IRON QUEEN REGINA FERRUM-- TECHNOMAGE & DEPOSED TYRANT
EXCEPT I HAD THE D.E.L. UNDER CONTROL WITHIN AN HOUR, AND YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING SCARED SINCE.*
TH-THAT'S NOT ACCURATE AT ALL!!
*SU #37-39.. THE REST OF THE EGGMAN ARC./

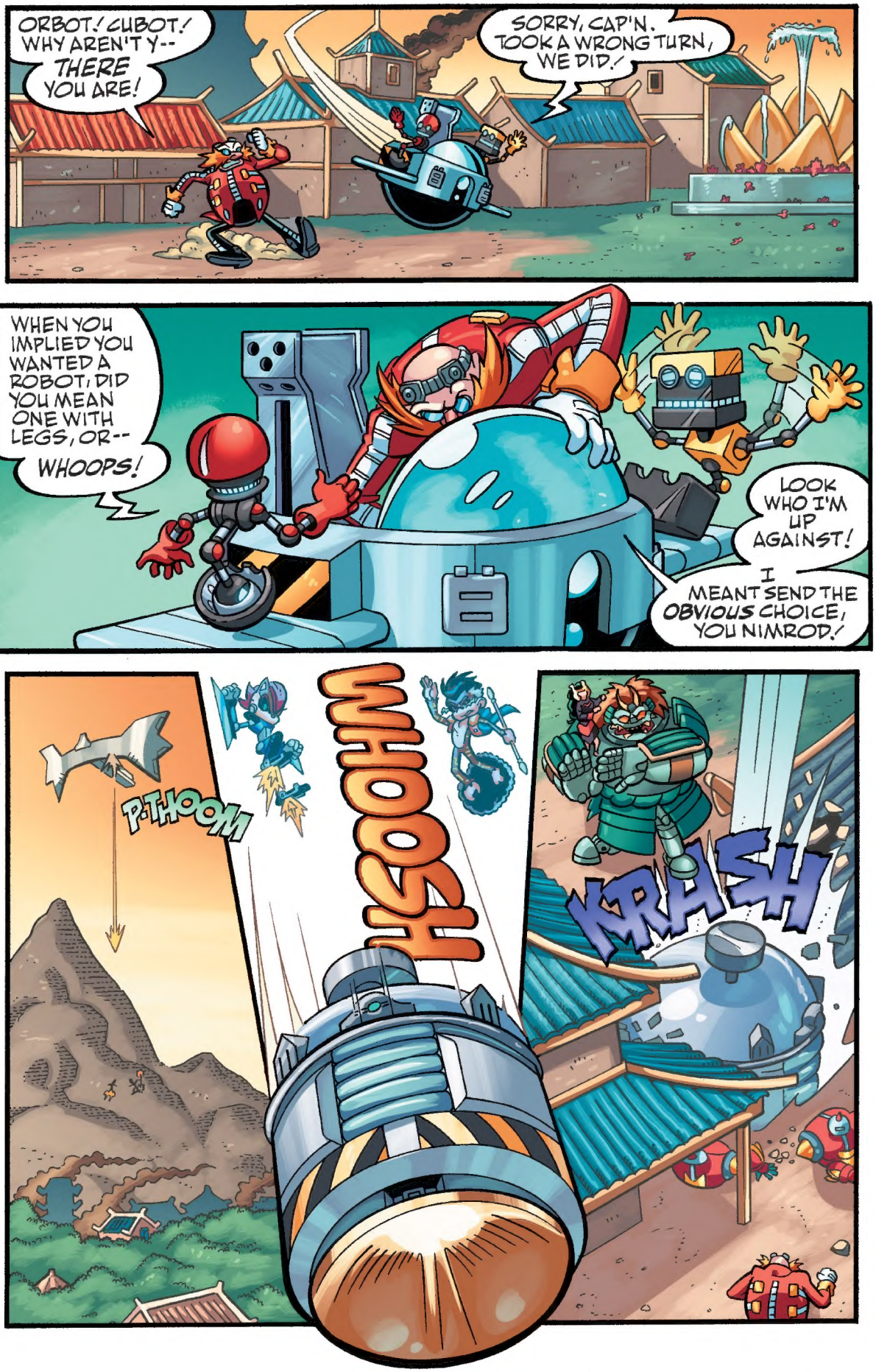
DON'T LET HIM FLUSTER YOU, MY SNIVY-KINS./ YOU'VE SERVED YOUR QUEEN WELL. NOW LET'S END THIS...
HA!
ARE YOU TWO STILL PRETENDING AT "LOVE"?
SNIVELY, SHE IS A MASTER MANIPULATOR-- EITHER OF CIRCUITRY WITH HER TECHNOMANCY, OR YOUR PEA-BRAIN WITH HER WORDS!
AND YOU? YOU ALREADY SWORE TO ME YOU WERE OVER HER./*
*STH #218
I LIED, YOU IDIOT./ IT IS LOVE!
I COULD'VE LEFT REGINA IN HER CELL./ I COULD'VE BYPASSED THE UNITED FEDERATION ENTIRELY./ IT WOULD'VE BEEN FAR EASIER, BUT INSTEAD I FOUGHT AND STRUGGLED FOR THOSE I LOVE.!!
CAN YOUR "GENIUS" COMPREHEND THAT?!
KHAN!

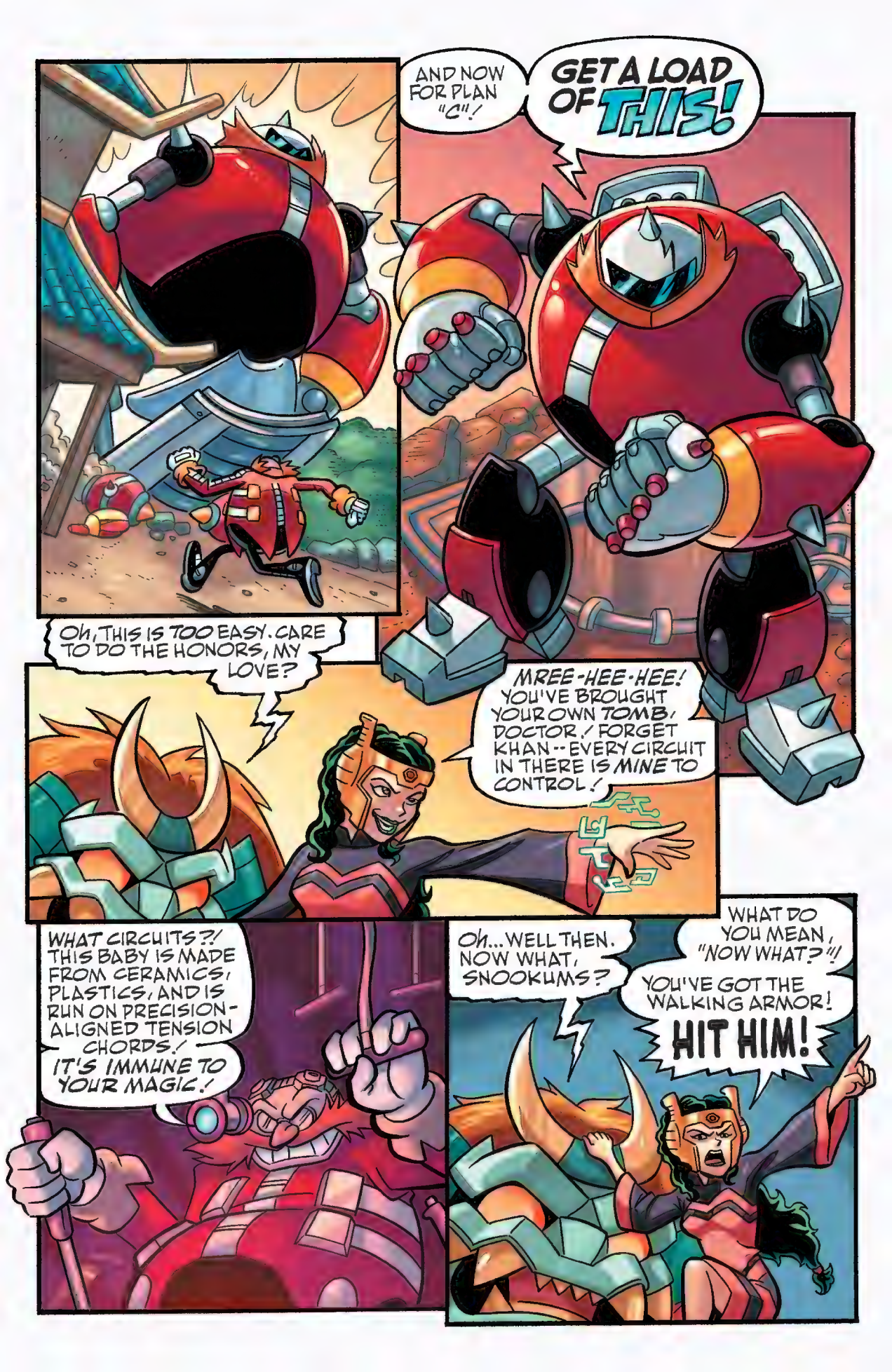

Hrrrkk!
MONKEY KHAN MIND-CONTROLLED CYBORG SIMIAN
IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO GET YOU UNDER CONTROL, I MAY AS WELL MAKE THE BEST OF IT. PLAN "A"--NOW I THROW A MONKEY AT THEM./
NO-NO-NO! HE NEEDS SOMETHING MORE TERRESTRIAL!
ARRR... HOW ABOUT THIS 'UN?
CUBOT HAS A BROKEN VOICE CHIP
ORBOT KNOW-IT-ALL
AVAST THAR! HE'S JUST WANTIN' TO FIGHT THEM, RIGHT? ANY KILLER ROBOT OUGHT TO DO!
"OUGHT," YES. "WILL," NO. THE BOSS HAS A CERTAIN FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC THAT HE'LL WANT US TO CATER TO./


KRAKOOM
EEEEKK!
AAHHH!!
GET THIS THING RUNNING, DEAR. MY MAGIC MIGHT BE LIMITED WITHOUT MY STAFF, BUT I CAN STILL HANDLE THIS PEST./
RIGHT AWAY, SUGAR-DUMPLING!
THE DOCTOR SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF REMOVING YOUR POWER RING CROWN./ NOW, LIKE ANY OTHER MACHINE, YOU ARE MINE TO CONTROL!
MREE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!! DESTROY THE DOCTOR!
BY YOUR GLORIOUS COMMAND!
IRON KHAN MAGICALLY-CONTROLLED CYBORG SIMIAN
RETURNING TO ACTIVE DUTY, SIR.
GOOD. SHE TURNED MONKEY-BOY A LOT FASTER THAN I EVER THOUGHT SHE WOULD. NOW FOR PLAN "B"-- THROW A ROBOTICIZED CHIPMUNK AT THE MONKEY.
UNDER-STOOD.

SHKOOM
AND DON'T DESTROY HIM!
HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MINE FROM THE START!
AND SO MUCH FOR YOUR PERSONAL GUARD!
EGAD!!
ORBOT! CUBOT!
WHAT'S TAKING YOU TWO SO LONG?!
ALL EGG-SWATS TO MY LOCATION! PROTECT YOUR MASTER!

MREE-HEE-HEE!! LEAVE SOME TO USE LATER, DEARIE! MY MAGIC CAN'T CONTROL BROKEN ROBOTS!
OF COURSE, MY LOVE! I'M JUST THINNING THE RANKS TO GET TO EGGMAN!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO FIND SUCH A MAGNIFICENT RELIC ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE?
I REMEMBERED YOU TELLING ME ABOUT THE ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY OF THE REGION.
WHEN I WAS SETTING UP MY PLAN, I MADE SURE TO INVENTORY WHAT THE IRON KING ALREADY HAD IN STOCK AND TOOK IT FROM THE IRON FORTRESS AS SOON AS I ARRIVED HERE.*
*LAST ISSUE.
WHO'S MY CUNNING LITTLE MAN?
AWWW, I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D PREFER BEING RESCUED BY FAMILIAR TECHNOLOGY.
EEE! AND SO THOUGHTFUL!

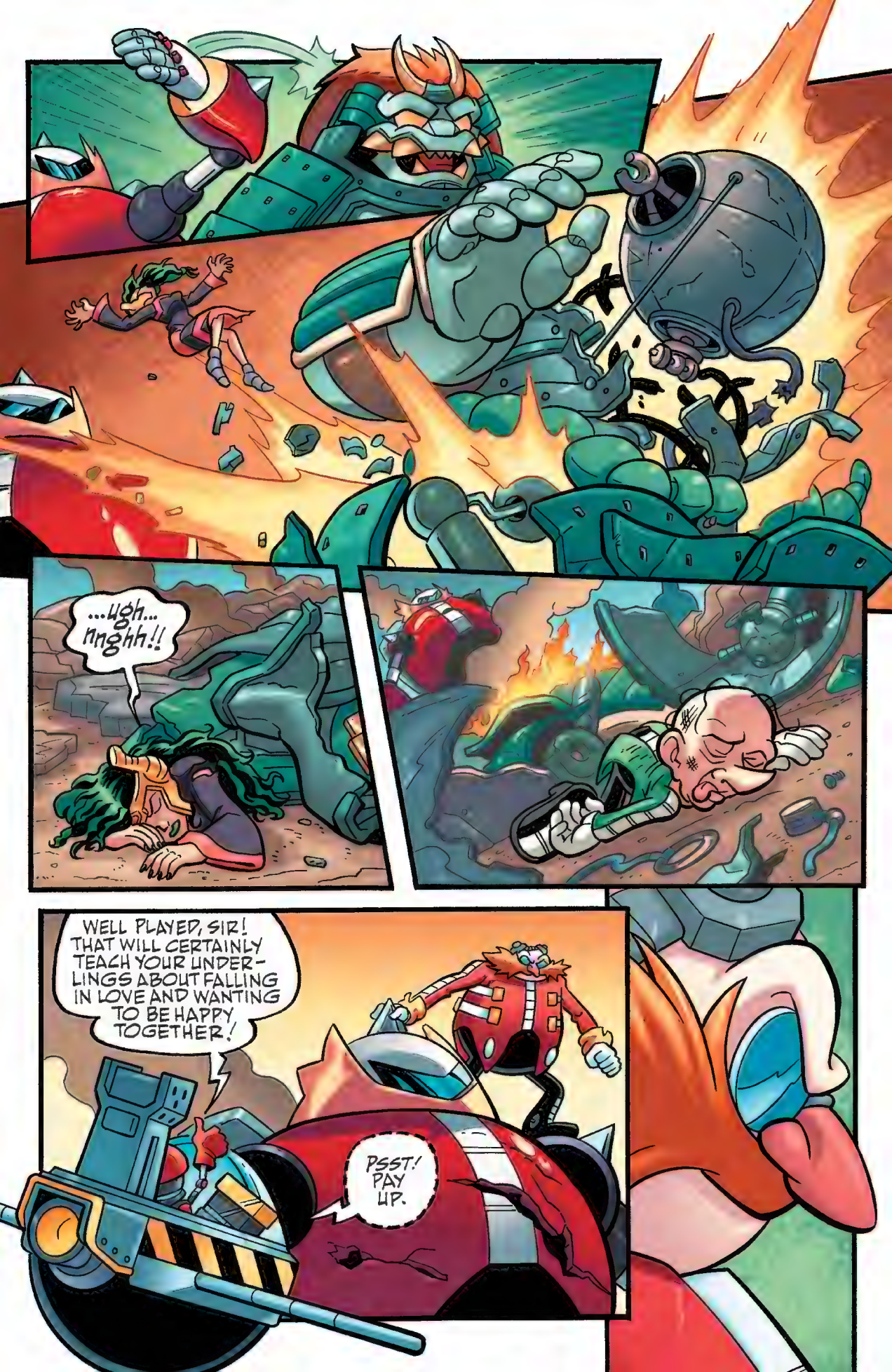

ORBOT! CUBOT! WHY AREN'T Y-- THERE YOU ARE!
SORRY, CAP'N. TOOK A WRONG TURN, WE DID.
WHEN YOU IMPLIED YOU WANTED A ROBOT, DID YOU MEAN ONE WITH LEGS, OR--
WHOOPS!
LOOK WHO I'M UP AGAINST!
I MEANT SEND THE OBVIOUS CHOICE, YOU NIMROD!
PTHOOM
WHOOSH
KRASH


AND NOW FOR PLAN "C"!
GET A LOAD OF THIS!
OH, THIS IS TOO EASY. CARE TO DO THE HONORS, MY LOVE?
MREE-HEE-HEE! YOU'VE BROUGHT YOUR OWN TOMB, DOCTOR./ FORGET KHAN--EVERY CIRCUIT IN THERE IS MINE TO CONTROL./
WHAT CIRCUITS?! THIS BABY IS MADE FROM CERAMICS, PLASTICS, AND IS RUN ON PRECISION-ALIGNED TENSION CHORDS./ IT'S IMMUNE TO YOUR MAGIC./
OH... WELL THEN. NOW WHAT, SNOOKUMS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NOW WHAT?"!
YOU'VE GOT THE WALKING ARMOR!
HIT HIM!

YOU'VE COME THIS FAR, SNIVELY./ SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT./
HO-HO!
CLANG
SHIVER HIS TIMBERS, CAP'N!
GOOD SHOW, BOSS./ GIVE HIM WHAT FOR./
HEY THERE, SKIPPER./ FIFTY MOBIUMS SAYS THE CAP'N NEVER TAKES A HIT./
GIVEN HIS HISTORY, I THINK IT'S A SAFE BET HE WILL TAKE SOME DAMAGE./
I'LL SEE YOUR FIFTY AND RAISE YOU AN OIL CHANGE!
OH, RIGHT. THE CAP'N MIGHT TAKE OFFENSE AT THAT./
THEN AGAIN... I DON'T THINK IT'S WISE BETTING AGAINST THE BOSS!

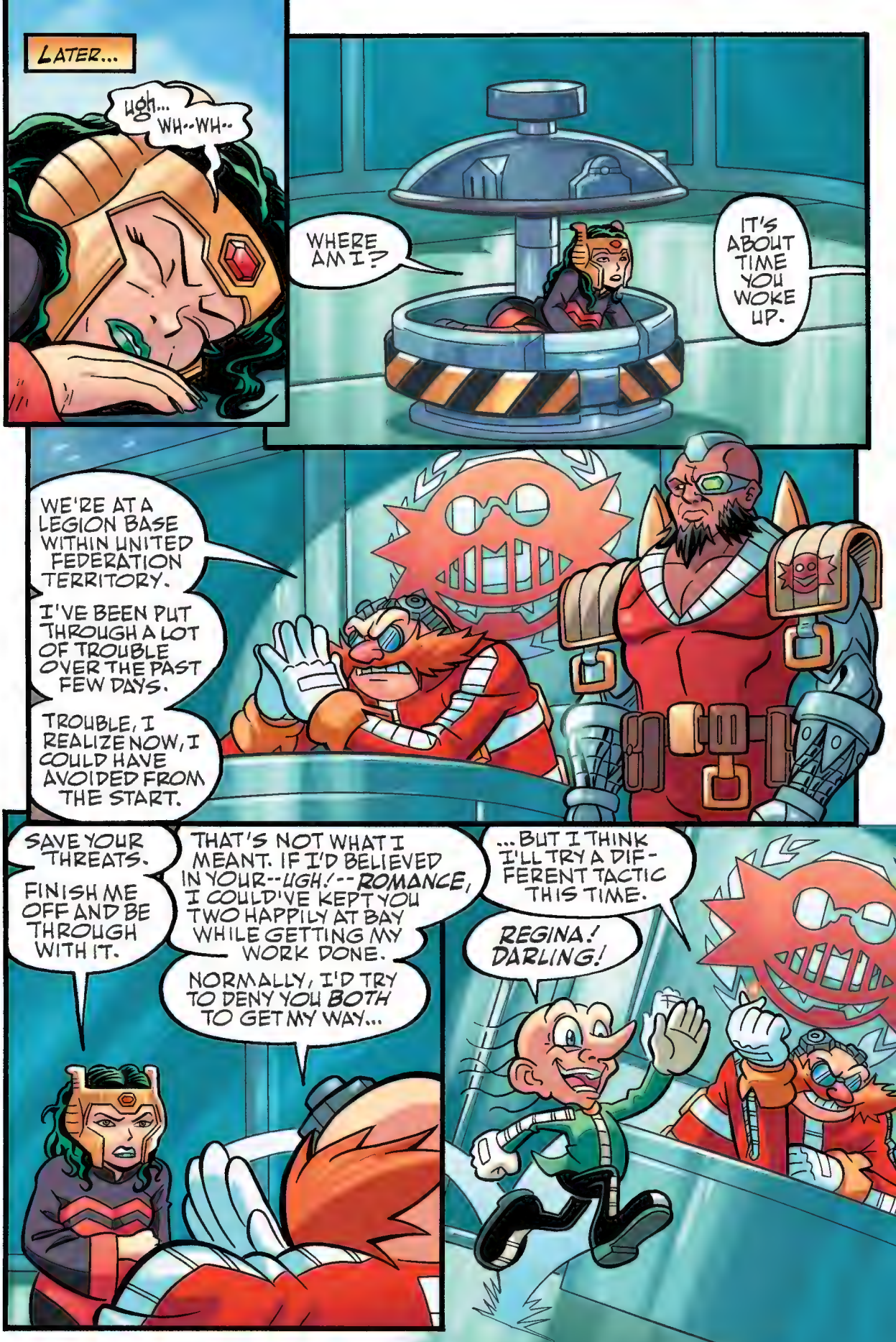
DON'T YOU DARE FAIL ME NOW! I CAN'T CONTROL KHAN AT THIS RANGE AND FIGHT FOR YOU!
I'M FINE, DEAR! RRGHH! YOU MIGHT HAVE THE SLIGHT EDGE AS A PILOT--
"SLIGHT"? HA!!
--BUT THIS ANCIENT TECH IS HARDIER THAN YOU'D IMAGINE! YOU'LL BREAK BEFORE I DO!
ARR... WHY DO I HAVE TO BE THE BOOSTER SEAT?
OH, I KNOW. TIME FOR PLAN "D"!
ORBOT! CUBOT! I NEED MY OMNI-TOOL!
HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! STOP HIM, YOU IDIOT!!
I CAN'T!
WE'RE LOCKED TOGETHER, AND HE'S GOT THE COCKPIT BLOCKED SHUT!

GOOD. NOW, GET OUT OF RANGE BEFORE SHE USES HER MAGIC AND MAKES YOU TWO MORE OF A PROBLEM!
RIGHT AWAY, O THANKFUL ONE.!
BLAST IT ALL!
RETURN TO YOUR MASTER, KHAN!
KHAN
BY INCREASING THE PRESSURE HERE... AND SHIFTING THE BALANCE THERE...
THE MISTRESS SUMMONS... GRHK!!
I ALMOST HATE TO DO THIS TO IT.!
ALMOST. PLAN "E"-- APPLY PRESSURE TO THE NEWLY-SABOTAGED ROBOT AND--
OH-HO-HO! SUCH A SPLENDID OLD-WORLD DESIGN.!

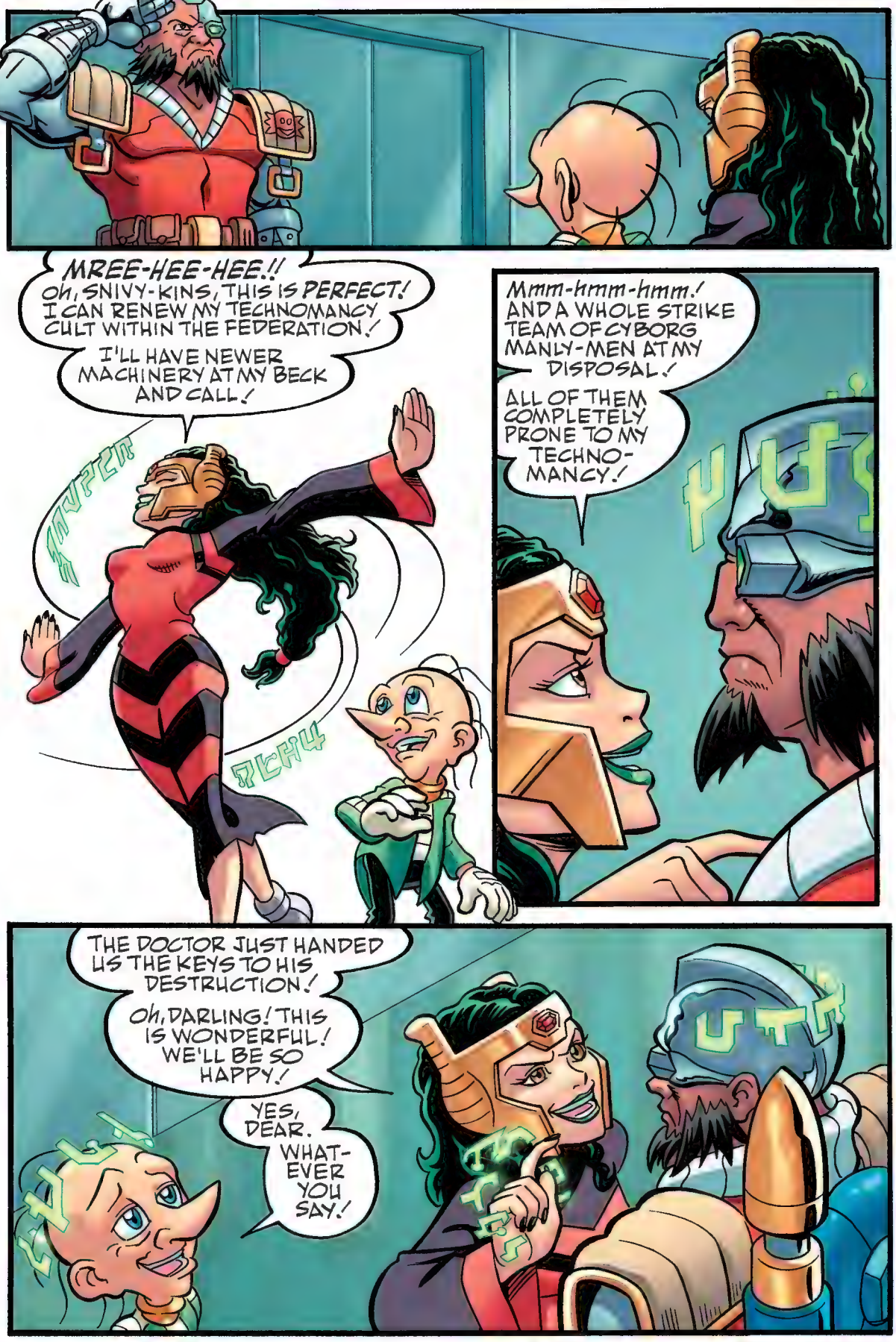

...ugh... mnghh!!
WELL PLAYED, SIR! THAT WILL CERTAINLY TEACH YOUR UNDER-LINGS ABOUT FALLING IN LOVE AND WANTING TO BE HAPPY TOGETHER!
PSST! PAY UP.

YOU--KZZT!--ARE ABOUT TO DESTROY THIS UNIT. YOU CAN-NOT--KZZT--YOU WOULD NOT. YOU LOVE --KZZT--ME.
LOVE IS FOR THE WEAK! I SERVE ONLY MY--!
--QUEEN...?
THREAT NO LONGER--KZZT--DETECTED. GOING INTO EMERGENCY STAND-BY MODE--KZZT--TO PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE...
WHERE AM I...
Wha... SALLY?!
HOW TOUCHING. I'M SURROUNDED BY SENTIMENTAL COUPLES.
I'M HERE, SAL... I'M HERE...

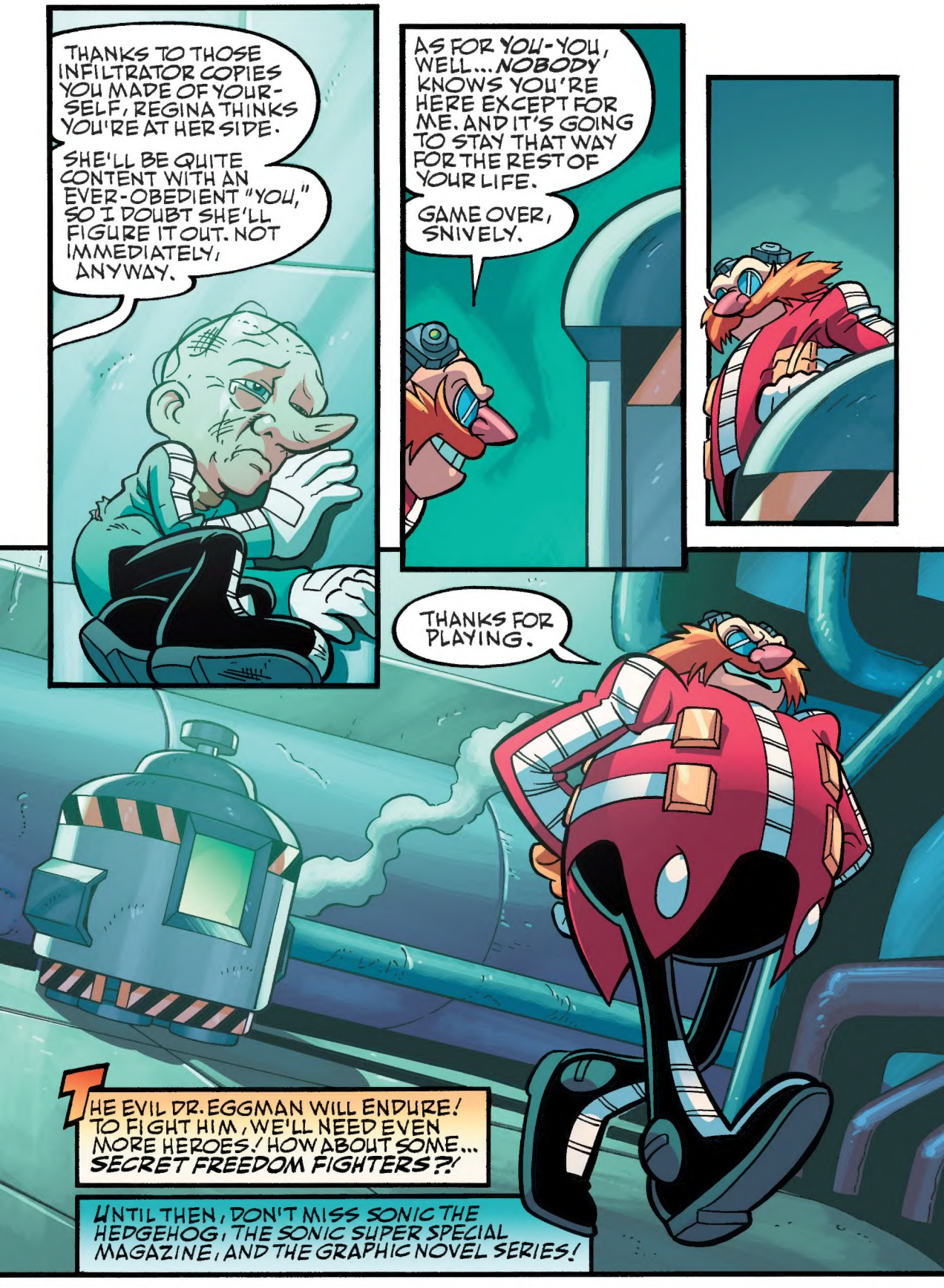
YOU'RE QUITE THE TERROR WHEN UNDER QUEENIE'S CONTROL. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD. NO? TOO BAD. WITH THIS MUCH DAMAGE AND WITHOUT A POWER RING, YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ME ON.
I KNOW.
AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REPAIR THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE.
I KNOW.
IT'S BEEN A LONG, TIRING DAY, AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE CLEANING UP. SO, UNLIKE LAST TIME, YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE VILLAGERS I HAD IMPRISONED*.
I'LL TERRORIZE THEM ANOTHER DAY.
OH, AND YOU'LL WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE FIRES, MMM?
*STH #87
AS SOON AS I'M HEALED... SOON AS THE PEOPLE ARE SAFE... I'M COMING FOR YOU.
WHEN I'M THROUGH... ALL THAT WILL BE LEFT OF YOU... WILL BE A BAD MEMORY.
BWA-HA-HA-HA!
OH! OH, MY! YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT, MONKEY-BOY! HAHAHAHAHA!!


LATER...
UGH... WH--WH--
WHERE AM I?
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WOKE UP.
WE'RE AT A LEGION BASE WITHIN UNITED FEDERATION TERRITORY.
I'VE BEEN PUT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS.
TROUBLE, I REALIZE NOW, I COULD HAVE AVOIDED FROM THE START.
SAVE YOUR THREATS.
FINISH ME OFF AND BE THROUGH WITH IT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. IF I'D BELIEVED IN YOUR--UGH!--ROMANCE, I COULD'VE KEPT YOU TWO HAPPILY AT BAY WHILE GETTING MY WORK DONE.
NORMALLY, I'D TRY TO DENY YOU BOTH TO GET MY WAY...
...BUT I THINK I'LL TRY A DIFFERENT TACTIC THIS TIME.
REGINA! DARLING!

I--I DON'T UNDER-STAND. YOU'RE SHOW-ING US MERCY?
MERCY? YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING WITH THE RUNT. THAT'S PUNISHMENT ENOUGH.
I'M PUTTING YOU BOTH IN CHARGE OF THIS LEGION CHAPTER. YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THE BADNIKS, REPURPOSED G.U.N. TECH, AND LEGION-IZED EGG PALADINS.
I--I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YES! THANK YOU EVER-SO-MUCH, SIR.
I EXPECT YOU TO FOLLOW ORDERS, BUT I'M NO FOOL! I EXPECT YOU TO PLAY "THE GAME" AS WELL -- JUST PLAY IT BETTER.
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW LIEN-DA'S EXAMPLE.*
*STH #220
IT'S BEEN FUN, YOU TWO... BUT I'VE GOT A HEDGEHOG TO DESTROY.
HUGO, YOU'VE BEEN DEMOTED. PLAY NICE WITH REGINA.
YES, SIR.


MREE-HEE-HEE!!
OH, SNIVY-KINS, THIS IS PERFECT! I CAN RENEW MY TECHNOMANCY CULT WITHIN THE FEDERATION!
I'LL HAVE NEWER MACHINERY AT MY BECK AND CALL!
Mmm-hmm-hmm! AND A WHOLE STRIKE TEAM OF CYBORG MANLY-MEN AT MY DISPOSAL!
ALL OF THEM COMPLETELY PRONE TO MY TECHNO-MANCY!
THE DOCTOR JUST HANDED US THE KEYS TO HIS DESTRUCTION!
OH, DARLING! THIS IS WONDERFUL! WE'LL BE SO HAPPY!
YES, DEAR. WHAT-EVER YOU SAY!

LATER STILL...
...AND SO YOU SEE, IN THE END, IT ALL WORKS OUT PRETTY WELL... FOR ME. THE DARK EGG LEGION IS EVEN MORE UNDER MY THUMB THAN BEFORE.
G.U.N.'s SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES, THE U.F. IS SHAKEN, AND NOW THAT I KNOW THAT LITTLE TURN-COAT HOPE IS WITH THEM, I CAN DIRECT THE LEGION TO SINGLE HER OUT.
I'M SURE THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY.
I'VE FRESHENED UP THE GRANDMASTER ROSTER, TERRORIZED SOME MOBIANS, AND BROKEN HEROIC MORALE ACROSS THE BOARD!
BEST OF ALL--
--YOU BROUGHT YOUR A-GAME, AND I STILL WON!


THANKS TO THOSE INFILTRATOR COPIES YOU MADE OF YOURSELF, REGINA THINKS YOU'RE AT HER SIDE.
SHE'LL BE QUITE CONTENT WITH AN EVER-OBEDIENT "YOU," SO I DOUBT SHE'LL FIGURE IT OUT. NOT IMMEDIATELY, ANYWAY.
AS FOR YOU-YOU, WELL... NOBODY KNOWS YOU'RE HERE EXCEPT FOR ME. AND IT'S GOING TO STAY THAT WAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
GAME OVER, SNIVELY.
THANKS FOR PLAYING.
THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN WILL ENDURE! TO FIGHT HIM, WE'LL NEED EVEN MORE HEROES! HOW ABOUT SOME... SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS?!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES!

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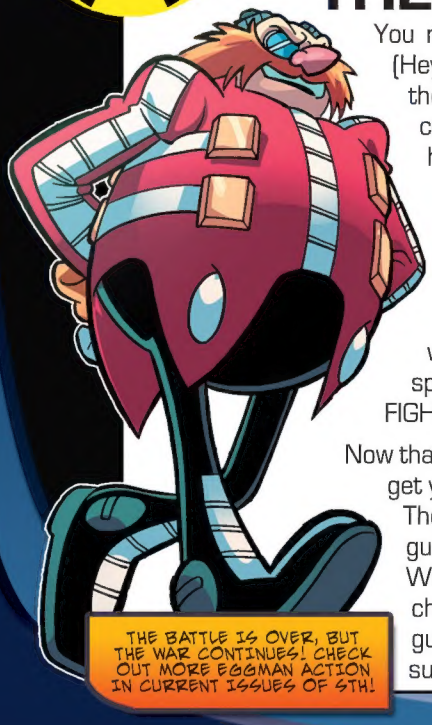
editorial commentary that would NEVER mess with Eggman after reading this issue!

THERE YOU HAVE IT!



THE BATTLE IS OVER, BUT THE WAR CONTINUES! CHECK OUT MORE EGGMAN ACTION IN CURRENT ISSUES OF STH!

You mess with the Eggman, you get scrambled. (Hey – that's in our ads!) Poor Snively really got the short end of the stick on this one, but to his credit, he got A LOT farther than most would have!

We really hope you enjoyed "Scrambled," and I would like to thank penciller Jamal Peppers for all the wonderful artwork in these issues! Jamal draws Eggman and Snively like no other! Next month we welcome back artist Tracy Yardley with a special look at the all-new SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

SONIC UNIVERSE #41 COVER BY TRACY YARDLEY, JACK MORELLI, & STEVE DOWNER!

Now that summer is at our doorstep make sure y'all get your tickets to this year's San Diego Comic Con! The Archie crew will be there with a few Special Sonic guests on hand to sign your favorite Sonic issues! We always love the chance to meet you guys'n'gals, so make sure you stop on by!

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- Paul

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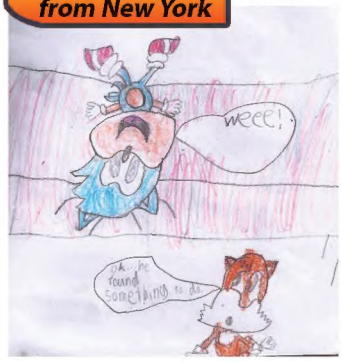

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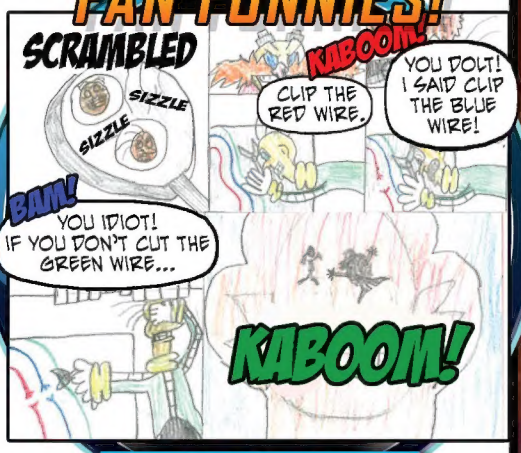

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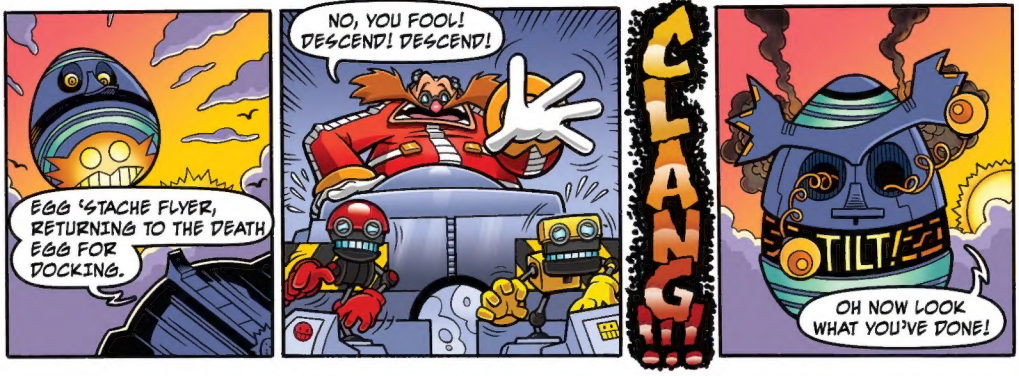
EGG 'STACHE FLYER, RETURNING TO THE DEATH EGG FOR DOCKING.
NO, YOU FOOL! DESCEND! DESCEND!
CLANG!!!
TILT!
OH NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

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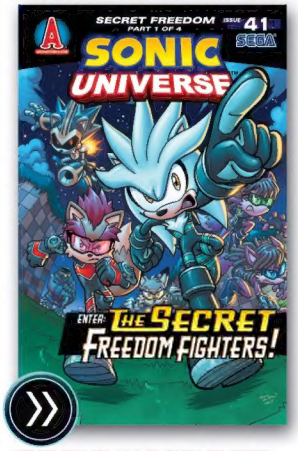

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UNSUNG HEROES!

THE NEW COVERT TEAM OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS DEBUTS IN

SECRET FREEDOM

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 06/26/12!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 237

TEAM FIGHTERS TAKES CHARGE!

TROUBLE ARISES IN THE WOLFPACK NATION AS THE D.E.L. MAKES ITS MOVE IN...

"LOYALTY PART I"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 06/05/12

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I have a question... Will Silver and Blaze ever meet in the comics?

Sincerely,
Mason from LA

Short and sweet, I like it! Blaze is currently out searching for the Sol Emeralds, but who knows if that will bring her path to an intersection with everyone's favorite time-hopping hedgehog? Only time, and possibly Ian, can tell!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
What's up, My Sonic Universe?

Eggman's risk for heart disease!

This is my first letter, I've been meaning to write in for a while. I've been reading the comic for about a year now, but it is AWESOME. I love how polished everything looks and how much everything ties in with Sonic the Hedgehog -- you guys do a really good job.

Aww shucks!

I want to first say how epic Ben Bates and Jamal Peppers' artwork looks. Some of my favorite covers are from Ben Bates, and the way Jamal Peppers is working right now is really great. The books look beautiful! I also loved the reference to "Mystery Science Theater 3000" in SU #38. That was it, right? It was clever, and it really works with Eggman's current situation.

That WAS it! And thanks to all the fans who wrote in with the correct answer to that question! As for Ben and Jamal, c'mon they're the best ever! But let's not forget the awesomeness of Tracy Yardley! and Steven Butler and Evan Stanley and Jon Gray and the penciller-perfection list goes on and on!

I think I'll ask for "the usual" next:

I love a good "usual"!

I remember reading somewhere (I think it was Sonic Grams) that the Iron Queen would make an appearance in the future (besides a cameo in an earlier issue of StH). Could this be it? Her meeting with Snively, if he gets to her? I was surprised to read that he was in love with her-- I picked up the series right after the Iron Dominion Saga was over, and missed that part. But, I suppose it makes sense... somehow...

Cubot summed it up best: "ARR -- THAT NOT BE NATURAL!"

How many Metal Sonics does Eggman have??? It seemed he only had one during the fight in StH 234, since Snively was so mad that Eggman set it to self-destruct, but here, he's back, polished and ready to go! Does he have one he just rebuilds, or does he have millions at his control?

He's rebuilding Metal Sonic... repeatedly. And to ol' Eggy's credit, it's not easy to keep up with Sonic's ability to obliterate 'bots!

Hope everything works out alright with Sally. Man. What a twist. I miss two issues and THIS happens! But she doesn't seem totally gone. She's still got an attitude, that's for sure.

Mecha Sally is one tough cookie with an attitude to boot!

I think that's it for me. Good luck with everything, Sonic-- You will sure need it! And good luck to Shadow to pull Team Dark together after what happened to Hope and Omega in #38!

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Thanks, Sara!

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